



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/820,488
Filing Date	March 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Youssef El-Shoubary
Group Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	E.M. Johnson
Attorney Docket Number	20844

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) /reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (itemized)

v. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **13-2755**

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	James M. Hunter, Jr.	Registration No.	31,922
Signature		Date	July 24, 2003

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Name (Print/Type)	Barbara Muller		
Signature		Date	7-24-03



FEE TRANSMITTAL

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

\$1,254

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check one)

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Deposit Account Number

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Deposit Account Name

Merck & Co., Inc.

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☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	Design filing fee	
1004	750	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL(1) \$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 18 - 25 ** = 0	x \$18 =	0	
Independent Claims 9 - 3 ** = 6	x \$84 =	504	
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$280 =		

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL(2) \$504

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	Request for oral hearing	
1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	Design issue fee	
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL(3) \$750

SUBMITTED BY

Typed or Printed Name James M. Hunter, Jr.

Signature

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Applicants:	Y. El-Shoubary <i>et al.</i>		
Serial No.:	09/820,488	Case No.:	20844
Filed:	March 29, 2001		
For:	ADSORPTION POWDER CONTAINING CUPRIC CHLORIDE		
		Art Unit:	1754
		Examiner:	E.M. Johnson

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir,

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 for the above captioned application, and prior to the examination of this RCE, kindly amend the case as follows:

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